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TAGS: CASC, PK, AF
SUBJECT: FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON FORMER
AFGHAN DIPLOMAT

REFS: (A) STATE 364071 (B) PESHAWAR 1391

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CONGRESSMAN SUNDQUIST'S OFFICE CALLED AFGHANISTAN
DESK ON JANUARY 25 TO SAY THAT ABDUL SAMAY PAPAL'S WIFE,
NABILA, NOW REPORTS THAT HER HUSBAND IS BEING HELD IN
PRISON IN PESHAWAR BY THE JAMIAT-E ISLAMI. IMPLICATIONS
IS THAT SHE HAS ASKED THE CONGRESSMAN TO HELP FIND A WAY
TO HAVE HIM FREED AND BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES.
3. CONTRARY TO REPORT IN SUNDQUIST'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER
30, 1983, NABILA PAPAL HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN POLITICAL
ASYLUM. EVIDENTLY SHE DID NOT LEAVE U.S. WHEN HER
HUSBAND'S TOUR AT THE UN WAS FINISHED LAST FALL, AND
FOUND HER WAY TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WHERE SHE IS STAYING
WITH RELATIVES AND HAS APPLIED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

4. AFGHANISTAN DESK OFFICER EXPLAINED TO SUNDQUIST'S

AIDE THAT JAMIAT-E ISLAMI WAS A WELL-KNOWN RESISTANCE
GROUP IN PESHAWAR AND THEY MIGHT BE HOLDING PAPAL WITH
CAUSE BECAUSE OF HIS PAST SERVICE TO THE KARMAL REGIME.
FURTHER, HIS ELIGIBILITY TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES
MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH. DESK OFFICER DID SAY
THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD INSTRUCT CONSUL TO MAKE FURTHER
INQUIRY ABOUT PAPAL AND REPORT ANY INFORMATION THAT HE
COULD OBTAIN. SHULTZ
END OF MESSAGE

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

State Dept. review completed

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